

B. PATENTABILITY ARGUMENTS

I. Response to Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

The Examiner rejects claims 1-3 as being anticipated by patent no. 5,029,847 to H. Ross. Applicant has cancelled claims 1 through 3. Consequently, the Examiner's rejections are moot and Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be removed.

II. Response to Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a)

The Examiner then rejects claims 9 and 27 as being obvious over Ross in view of patent no. 6,599,222 to K. Wince. Applicant has cancelled claims 9 and 27. Consequently, the Examiner's rejections are moot and Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be removed.

C. REMARKS

The Examiner has stated that claims 4 through 8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has amended claim 4 to include the limitations of claims 1 and 3 and amended the dependency of claim 5 to depend from claim 4 instead of claim 3.

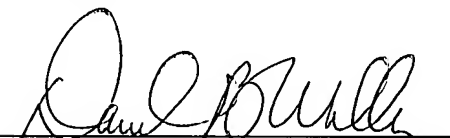
Applicant submits that to the best of his knowledge these amendments do not add new matter to the specification.

Claims 1-3, 9 and 27 have been cancelled.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner issue an allowance of claims 4-8.

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